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City Council sets meeting with CalTrans and residents for February 17 Council meeting

At its Dec. 16 meeting, the Lemon Grove City Council approved a General Plan Amendment which would make permanent the provisions of an urgency ordinance put into effect last March, allowing only new car dealerships to be developed in the 6700 and 6800 blocks of Federal Blvd.

The unanimous council decision (in the absence of Council-member Lois Heiserman) to approve the amendment following a public hearing in which only one person spoke.

John Wood, a Central Ave. resident, expressed opposition to zoning the area, which sits below his neighborhood to car dealerships and "accessory" uses such as paint and body shops.

"This area is too close in proximity to residents. We who live on the hill will be getting all the noise and all the fumes which will travel upward to us from the paint and body shops," said Wood.

The council also held a public hearing to consider granting an appeal of a Planning Commission ruling which denied Frank Gonzalez a business license to operate in the central commercial zone. Gonzalez, a construction consultant, argued that he was being "discriminated against" simply because he held a general contractor's license, and thus was being denied the use of office space which he intended to use for administrative purposes only.

"The heaviest piece of equipment I have in my office is a typewriter," said Gonzalez, "We are required to have a general contractor's license in order to help people through projects, but we will be storing no equipment on site or have any type of heavy equipment; we are a project management company."

One Main Street resident spoke in opposition to granting the appeal, expressing concern that customers "may come in

large vehicles" to Gonzalez's office.

Council unanimously agreed that an overruling of the planning commission's decision denying Gonzalez a license to operate in an area reserved for professional and technical offices was appropriate.

On the recommendation of the City Attorney, council granted Gonzalez his appeal with the written stipulation that the license was being issued for a construction management office with the prohibition of on-site equipment storage.

During the agenda provision for "communications," City Manager Jack Shelver suggested that the scheduling for a presentation by CalTrans officials docketed for the second January council meeting be moved to the Feb. 17 meeting.

"We want to hold the meeting at a time when we are relatively sure CalTrans will have the information from their technical committee and citizen review committee ready for presentation," said Shelver.

Council voted to reschedule the meeting as well as send notice of the change to residents along Ilidea and Blossom Lane, as well as to notify residents of the Golden Avenue area who would also be effected by any CalTrans decisions regarding the placement of access ramps for the Hwy 125 extension.

Acting as the redevelopment agency, the council approved the addition of a railing to the completed pedestrian access way in the interest of safety. The metal railing would be installed at a cost of \$2,850, along the split-level platform. Chamber of Commerce executive Joyce Lazok tripped over the "step" minutes before the ribbon-cutting ceremony dedicating the access way earlier this month, and it became obvious that additional railing was needed.

Show of support for cross planned

In response to a recent court ruling which threatens the continued existence of the Mt. Helix cross, residents from throughout San Diego's East County will gather atop Mt. Helix on Monday evening, Dec. 23, to light up the cross with flashlights and demonstrate their support for this East County landmark.

Supporters and their families are invited to meet at the intersection of Mt. Helix Drive and Vivera at 6 p.m., from which point the group will walk to the site of the cross. Limited parking is available at the fire station. Vehicle access to the top of Mt. Helix will be limited to drop-off and pick-up of elderly or handicapped participants.

Participants are encouraged to bring flashlights, candles with shields, walking shoes and warm clothing.

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Santa arrived about 9 a.m. Saturday morning by helicopter - a new twist which added a little to this year's pancake breakfast sponsored by the Lemon Grove Sheriff's Station deputies.

Sheriff's breakfasts draw over 500

With Santa "blowing in" aboard the ASTREA helicopter, the Lemon Grove Sheriff's department's annual holiday breakfast was the place to be last weekend - as over 500 were served.

About \$1,700 was raised to benefit the Lemon Grove Food Bank's Adopt-A-Child program which provides holiday food and gifts for needy local families.

"We're real happy about the turnout," said Karen Smith of the Sheriff's department who organized the fund raiser. The \$3 breakfasts were offered both Friday and Saturday mornings, with an appearance by Santa (alias Deputy Doug Newkirk) on Saturday only. McGruff, the Crime Dog, was also there to greet the breakfasters.

About 22 area businesses contributed supplies and/or funds for the breakfast: EDCO Disposal,

Dutch Cleaners, Domino's Pizza, Casa de Oro Travel, Western Graphics, Carl's Jr., McDonald's, Smart & Final, Dr. Boyd Stewart, Big Bear, Brown's Maytag, C&M Wire, Pierce Realty, Spring Valley

Lions, Jan Davis of Coldwell Banker, RCP, Valle De Oro Bank, El Pollo Loco, Letter-Kraft, My Egg Ranch, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and radio station Z93.5FM.



Santa had to perform the usual duties after arriving via helicopter.

'Tis the season . . . for bank robberies

Tis the season - for giving, and, for taking.

Last Friday, two banks on Campo Road in Casa de Oro were robbed. Last Monday, a Lemon Grove bank was hit.

"The last quarter of the year is always a busy season for robberies," said Jack Kelly, community liaison for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) which handles all bank robbery investigations.

According to Kelly, a man is now in custody for the 2:40 p.m. robbery of Union Bank on Campo Rd.

"He was apprehended by the CHP at a trolley stop in La Mesa

shortly after his escape; witnesses from the bank saw the suspect get into a cab," said Kelly.

However, the suspect from the first robbery, which occurred several blocks away at 11:40 a.m. at Bank of America, remains at-large.

"We believe this is a new guy," said Kelly, adding that the suspect has been described as a Hispanic male, 5'7" to 5'10" with a medium build (between 160 and 180 lbs.) with short, dark hair, a possible mustache and a light complexion.

"He presented the generic demand note and threatened verbally that he had a weapon," Kelly said.

According to Sgt. Doug Shinebarger of the Lemon Grove Sheriff's station, approximately \$950 was taken from Bank of America and about \$1,000 from Union Bank.

The Lemon Grove branch of Bank of America lost \$1,100 at 9:15 a.m. Dec 16 by what Kelly terms a serial robber who has been active in the area since last May. The FBI believes the suspect is responsible for three other bank robberies in the county. The suspect is described as a black male in his late 20s or early 30s, 6'4" and 185 lbs., with a light complexion. He presented a note which threatened a weapon.

Mt. Miguel *El Trovador* News Briefs

Mount Miguel's Speech Team excelled again by taking second place with 14 finalists and 13 semifinalists at the competition at Imperial Valley College last weekend. Results are as follows: Kaiti Snow, Thematic, 2nd; Oratorical, 4th; Layla Stucky, Dramatic, 2nd; Kimberly Bayan, Thematic, 3rd; Glenn Carraway, Dramatic, 3rd; Sabrina Harris, Thematic, 4th; Grace Castillo, Dramatic, 4th; Jody Chastain, Thematic, 5th; Jimmie Stewart, Original Prose/Poetry, 5th; Andrea Dellet, Original Prose/Poetry, 6th; Josh Duff, Oratorical, 6th; Stephanie Szuch, Dramatic, 6th; Dennis Henry, Expository, 7th; Ed Pettis, Oratorical, 7th; Amy Allen, Dramatic, 7th; Mandy Aubel, Dramatic, 7th; Josh Duff, Humorous, 7th; Michelle Ellis, Dramatic, 7th; Sabrina Harris, Dramatic, 7th; Dennis Henry, Oratorical, 7th; Jason Jablow, Oratory, 7th; Original Prose/Poetry, 7th; Donovan Morris, Oratory, 7th; Oratorical, 7th; Ed Pettis, Expository, 7th; Original Prose/Poetry, 7th; Wendy Myers, Dramatic, 7th.

El Trovador has selected the cub staff who will publish the March edition of the newspaper. Positions are as follows: Editor-in-chief - Rebecca Doherty; News Editor - Michelle Deseo; Assistant News Editor - Melissa Tayson; Features Editor - Jennifer Cadet; Assistant Features Editor - Ramona Ayala; Sports Editor - Robert Milz; Editorials Editor - Solveig Petersen, Photographer - Amy Mink, and Cartoonist - Joe Smouse.

Mount Miguel's Wrestling team lost to Valhalla, 55-12 on December 12. However, Saturday, Dec. 14th at the El Cajon Tournament, Elias Gallegos took 5th overall in his weight class. Also Gabe Bustillos and Mike Drake both pinned their opponents. The next match will be today at El Cajon, 5 p.m. for JV and 7 p.m. for Varsity.

Mount Miguel's Varsity Basketball team coached by Bill Sullivan defeated University High School 86-74 on Dec. 10th. Their current record is 4 wins and 4 losses. Two of the leading players are Senior Robbie Sandoval who averages 14 points per game, and Sophomore Mike Clymer who averages 15 points. The team will host El Cajon tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Mount Miguel's Girls Varsity Basketball team has a record of 1 win and 4 losses. Junior Atiya Anthony made all tournament team against Granite Hills. The team played Crawford Tuesday and will host El Cajon tomorrow.

The French Club sponsored by Mme. Olivia Dorman celebrated Christmas with the students baking cakes called "Buches de Noel," on Dec. 13th. Science teacher, Larry Nordell was the guest judge.

Mount Miguel's Girls Soccer team defeated Mar Vista 3-0 last Tuesday, Dec. 10. They lost to Madison 1-0 last Thursday then tied them 0-0 on Saturday, Dec. 14th. The girls' next game will be tomorrow at El Capitan.

Mount Miguel's Boys Soccer team lost to Montgomery 1-0 last Tuesday, Dec. 10th. The team played Hoover Dec. 18th and will host El Capitan tomorrow at 4 p.m.

The Mount Miguel library is presenting a display of Mexican artifacts courtesy of Spanish teacher Luis Castro and his students. The display will remain until the new year.

The AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) class visited UCSD for an Early Academic Outreach Program Campus Tour. Counselor Max Keyte, was the sponsoring staff member.

KNSD honors Lydia McKay

by Olivia Valdez

As a part of the Great Expectations program, KNSD (Channel 39) will be giving recognition to students, teachers and schools in San Diego County. The new program will emphasize scholastic subjects; a school, a teacher, a student of the month and other possible categories. From the many students, schools and teachers in the district who qualify, only one of each will be recognized each month.

The student chosen for the month of December is Mount Miguel senior Lydia McKay, who will receive a certificate and a \$500 scholarship to further her education.

McKay was questioned about her attendance, her grades, being a role model for other students, the kinds of leadership positions she has held and the different kinds of extracurricular activities she has been involved in. "I feel really honored to be recognized and to be able to represent our school to the entire county," says McKay. Being the ASB secretary and the valedictorian for the class of 1992 so far, it is no wonder that McKay was recommended to receive the award.

The program shows substantial evidence that it is successful in getting its message across to students. Education cannot be forced but it can be encouraged.

The program aired last night. The education project covers a different area or place each time and it lasts about five minutes and in some special cases, more. The Great Expectations program hopes to promote the importance of a good education now - and in the future.



Lydia McKay Photo by Boyd Anderson

WEATHER

The following information was provided by the Lemon Grove Fire Department:

	High	Low
December 8	60	50
December 9	70	52
December 10	67	55
December 11	67	55
December 12	69	49
December 13	75	44
December 14	81	42

Precipitation this year to date is 1.06," while for the last year to date the precipitation was 1.91 (From 7/1).

In the Service

Navy Fireman Apprentice

Andrew T. MacKay, son of Dennis W. and Gail P. MacKay of Lemon Grove, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf.

MacKay, stationed aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu, homeported in Long Beach, Calif., was part of Amphibious Ready Group Alfa. The four-ship, 4,000-man task group carried the Fifteenth Marine Expeditionary Unit.

During the deployment, the task group conducted an amphibious landing at Iwo Jima, and honored those who fell there in battle in 1945. The ships also helped evacuate more than 17,000 Americans and dependents from the Philippines after the eruption of Mount Pinatubo.

While deployed, USS Peleliu also visited Singapore and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

MacKay, a 1987 graduate of Chapperal High School, El Cajon, joined the Navy in November 1990.

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Lemon Grove Fire Log

December 6 through December 12, 1991

Central Ave./Massachusetts Ave. Person down.

4700 blk. Beaumont Dr. Locked out of the house.

2000 blk. Hawkins Way. Structure fire.

6600 blk. MacArthur Dr. Diabetic problem.

3200 blk. Main St. Commercial industrial fire.

1500 blk. La Corte St. Chest pains.

8300 blk. Broadway. Unresponsive.

7400 blk. Broadway. Person down.

1400 blk. San Altos Pl. Single-engine response.

2200 69th St. Seizure.

2200 blk. Massachusetts. Unresponsive.

7000 blk. Waite Dr. Burns.

8100 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Broken water line.

7300 blk. Daytona St. Possible heart.

Sweetwater Rd./Broadway. Vehicle accident.

Hwy. 94/College Ave. Freeway/accident/rescue.

8200 blk. Lemon Grove Wy. Pole fire.

2300 blk. Di Foss St. Invalid assist.

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1700 blk. San Altos Pl. Seizure.

7000 blk. Broadway. Traffic accident.

7900 blk. Broadway. Possible heart.

2600 blk. Nina Rd. Knife wound/stabbing.

Skyline Dr./Mt. Vernon St. Vehicle accident.

6800 blk. Federal Blvd. Single-engine response.

2500 blk. Skyline Dr. Auto lockout.

8100 blk. Darryl St. Water vacuum.

7000 blk. Lisbon St. Vehicle fire.

1400 blk. Cornwall St. Structure fire.

7300 blk. Daytona St. Head pain.

2700 blk. Skyline Dr. Chest pains.

Palm Ave./Myra St. Traffic accident.

8100 blk. Broadway. Flooding.

Hwy. 94/Lemon Grove Ave. Vehicle accident freeway.

2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Stroke.

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Medical aid.

8200 blk. Lemon Grove Wy. Unconscious.

3200 blk. College Pl. Abdominal pains.

7300 blk. Broadway. Assault victim.

7800 blk. Nichals St. Possible heart.

2100 blk. Camino de Las Palmas. Difficulty breathing.

Massachusetts Ave./Broadway. Traffic accident.

Skyline Dr./Palm Ave. Auto. vs. pedestrian.

Sheriff's Dept. Log

November 5 through November 24, 1991

1600 blk. Drexel Drive. Residential burglary. VCR, speakers, clothes - valued at \$1,405.

1900 La Corte St. Residential burglary. Cash and jewelry - valued at \$15,070.

7100 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. Gold chains - valued at \$1,710.

6900 blk. Federal Blvd. Robbery. \$75.

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Robbery. \$20.

8000 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Commercial burglary. Three nail guns - valued at \$1,700.

2200 blk. Alton Place. Residential burglary. VCR, cash. \$250.

1700 blk. San Altos Pl. Robbery. Jewelry - valued at \$435.

7100 blk. Central. Residential burglary. Revolver, VCR - valued at \$250.

1800 blk. La Corte St. Residential burglary. VCR, tapes, battery - valued at \$1,240.

3500 blk. Grove St. Residential burglary. Microwave, VCR, TV, stereo, CDs, jewelry - valued at \$7,994.

2700 blk. Mercury Dr. Residential burglary - unknown.

7700 blk. North Ave. Commercial burglary - TV - valued at \$300.

1990 blk. Seale Dr. Residential burglary - cigarettes and misc. - valued at \$342.

7300 blk. Daytona St. Residential burglary - VCR, stereo, purse, cassettes - valued at \$1,000.

7000 blk. Broadway. Robbery - purse, cash, checks - valued at \$60.

2900 blk. Massachusetts. Residential burglary - pool table, garden tools - valued at \$375.

7300 blk. Alberdi Dr. Residential burglary - handgun, coins, gun case - valued at \$1,095.

8000 blk. Drexel Ct. Residential burglary - bike - valued at \$180.

Lemon Grove Ave./Central Ave. Robbery - jacket, ball cap - valued at \$150.

7000 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Residential burglary.

8300 blk. Broadway. Residential burglary - travelers checks - valued at \$500.

7100 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary.

8200 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary - cash tools - valued at \$1,080.

8300 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Burglary.

1600 blk. La Corte St. Residential burglary - tools, Nintendo tapes, jewelry - valued at \$630.

7900 blk. Lincoln St. Residential burglary - VCR - valued at \$300.

B-words

Personal comments of Councilman Bob Burns

Hard times

Everyone seems to know about the poor state of our economy, but like the weather, no one is doing anything about it. Since there are so many opinions flying around, I might as well stick my neck out and offer my thoughts. It is being said that if it is your neighbor who is out of work, the proper term is "recession." To the truly unemployed, it is a "depression." I went through a depression, but was actually too young to be really impacted by it, and I suppose that we were "poor" by today's standards, but we didn't know it. My father was an entry fireman and was never "out of work," to my recollection. There were many, at that time who could not find work as engineers, or other skilled professions, but most of them did what they had to do to keep their families fed. Taking welfare was humiliating, but not too much for a man to bear with hungry children in his home. The fact was that they pumped gas or worked as day laborers in the WPA until the economy turned better and they resumed normal lives.

While my dad did not earn the same level of salary in public service in those days, he used to say that it was dependable and not so likely to be subject to the whims

of the times as were private enterprise jobs. He was right, of course, and spent over 40 years in the fire service. In those days, government was small, underpaid, and a profession where people have a selfless pride in serving their fellow man. There are still many of those individual today in government service and I applaud them. However, government has now become synonymous with bureaucracy and the situation has virtually reversed. A commentator was noting the other day that the farmers were going out of business and the Bureau of Animal Industry was employing more and more people, and he opined that soon the government agriculture employees would outnumber the agriculturists that they oversee.

In light of today's economic slowdown and the massive deficits that are facing county, state and national governments, it is my opinion that there is one very logical and very essential first step to start us back on the road to fiscal responsibility and governmental solvency. There should be a nationwide moratorium on salary raises in all levels of public service, beginning with our elected officials in Washington, down through the city councils and boards of the smallest municipality and district in the land.

This would cease to make fiscal matters worse. It would also set a good example for everyone across the board, maybe even the labor unions and the humongous utility boards' idea of CEO compensations. Pointing the finger at someone else to tighten their belt, while loosening our own, is not fair and will never accomplish what needs to be done. I know that this idea will not be popular with many, but if we expect the guy who is laid off at Rohr or the gal who has her hours cut back at General Dynamics to "grin and bear it," we all must show good faith and be willing to do with a little less. Cutting services that are essential to our youth and senior citizens, while granting 8 to 10 percent salary increases is not defensible.

In a family situation, when the "pickin's are lean," we used to drink skim milk, use bacon grease on pancakes, and eat lots of beans and low-cost vegetables. My mother patched trousers, darned socks, and canned staples when they were cheap. Like I said, we didn't know we were poor, and nobody on God's green earth held their heads higher than we did.

We can do it again . . .

If you have questions or suggestions for Dr. Burns, send them to P.O. Box BB, Lemon Grove, CA 91946

Students pitch in for a special cause

by Olivia Valdez

Mt. Miguel High School will be presenting Kip Hayes a very special Christmas card today. Not many students were aware of who Kip Hayes is, but his presence as a strong Matador is being felt once again. Kip Hayes was an All-League football player fifteen years ago at Mount Miguel. In the month of November 1976, the Matadors were playing Granite Hills, when just before half-time Kip made a hard tackle, leaving him injured on the ground. An ambulance took him to a nearby hospital. About a week later, Kip was informed that he was a quadriplegic; he no longer had the use of his arms or legs. Kip had to adapt to a new way of life that excluded football and many other things we take for granted.

In that same year, a fund raiser was held which

raised over \$100,000. The goal was not the money, but the help it provided for Kip.

Now, 15 years later, the Human Relations Club has held a fund raiser for Kip. The goal of the club was to provide eight Optima 800 batteries.

"I was really impressed that the Human Relations Club first found out that Kip had a need like this and that they would take on this responsibility, when the students today don't know him at all," says Principal Brian Smith, who was the football coach at the time Kip was injured. "To do this exemplifies a real humanitarian concern for a former Matador."

The club made a giant card for Kip that cost a dollar to sign. (Donations also were accepted).

It seems appropriate that the Matadors did this in time for Christmas. Santa will come to Kip Hayes' home early this year.

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Commentary

by Paul Treske

Aside from the question of gun ownership, there appears to be nothing in the Bill of Rights that causes more controversy and downright foaming-at-the-mouth than issues involving "an establishment of religion." If there is a single subject that should be dealt with rationally due to its volatile nature, it is religion. Yet, because of the intensely personal nature of religion and its symbols, it is almost always dealt with in an emotionally-charged manner.

Reaction to the recent court ruling calling for the removal of the crosses on Mt. Soledad and Helix and from the insignia of the City of La Mesa has, for a large part, been as emotional as expected. Letter writers to this and other newspapers as well as callers on local radio talk shows have ranged from somewhat upset to rabid. On the extreme end there have been calls for the firing of Judge Thompson and demands for a new constitutional amendment. Many of those favoring the decision have shown insensitivity toward Christian belief, while others have attempted to insist in various ways that the mountain crosses are either war memorials or historic landmarks and, therefore, should remain. Here, perhaps, is where rational discussion should begin.

Both crosses are on government property, in fact, in the middle of public parks, and are thus on land maintained by taxpayer funds. If they were on private property, there would simply be no constitutional issue. Perhaps the same individuals who presented the case against them would remain dissatisfied with their presence - but they would have no legal recourse to remove them. However, in these cases, taxpayers of all or no religions are paying for some of the property maintenance of government-owned parks containing huge symbols of only one religion. Therefore, if some of those taxpayers object to continuing payment for the parks' maintenance or simply object to having the religious symbol on public land, they would appear to have, according to both the U. S. And California Constitutions, a reasonable case to protest. As emotionally gratifying as the symbol of the cross may be to the majority Christian faith, there are, indeed, a minority of those of other faiths who find that symbol historically oppressing or threatening. They, although a minority, would seem to have a legal right not to have to pay for its maintenance or abide its presence on public property. This holds true for any other religious symbols as well and would seem

to rebut those who suggest solving the issue by adding the symbols of other religions to the cross areas in order to preserve them from the judge's legal decision.

There are also some claims being made that the cross on Mt. Helix is merely an historical landmark and was given to the County without any major religious connotations. It is true that the cross is a landmark, one that many find pleasing in a non-religious sense, but a portion of the wording of the original deed refers to the cross as "suitable for commemorating the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ as taught by the Christian Churches of the world." Such an original intent in the deed places the Helix cross in the position of being something more than a mere landmark.

In making and then remaking the point that "the Latin cross is a powerful religious symbol" and that the Helix cross is "further amplified by its sheer size and visibility," Judge Thompson apparently sees the crosses as dominating sectarian figures within their respective parks. He cites as his constitutional basis for rejecting them, the so-called "No Preference Clause" of the California Constitution which states, in part, that "Free exercise and enjoyment of religion without discrimination or preference are guaranteed." In other cases, the No Preference Clause has been used "to define the state constitutional limits on governmental-sponsored religious displays," thus prohibiting a governmental body appearing to prefer one religion over another.

The lawyers will most certainly have at each other in days to come on this and associated issues, but two things seem important to the rest of us at this time. One is that we recognize that the decision by Judge Thompson was not one of spite or religious antagonism, but rather a careful judicious finding based on constitutional writ and legal precedent.

The second is that there is little to be gained and much to be lost in framing the issue in a "we vs. they" kind of anger and hostility that can only set neighbor against neighbor and religion against religion. It is unfortunate that issues like this must divide us and divert us from the larger issues of dealing with poverty, unemployment and recession. One hopes we can manage to stay together as fellow human beings to resolve this problem without becoming enemies in the process.

The Cross

by Paul Treske

I saw a story on the news the other day about an eaglet that somehow became separated from his mother. A turkey farmer found him and brought him back to his farm to see if he could survive by bonding with the birds there.

The eagle has done quite well, growing to powerful, handsome maturity. But there's a problem: he's been living and acting and, one can only assume, thinking like a turkey for so long, he seems to believe that he is one. According to the story, the turkey farmer has been trying to teach the bird how to fly, but the eagle has been groveling for grain with the turkeys for so long he can't seem to grasp the concept.

I've been thinking about that eagle lately. Here is a magnificent creature that has the potential to soar with . . . well, with eagles. But he's grounded just as surely as if his wings had been clipped, and only because experience has taught him to focus his attention on the ground rather than the heavens.

Of course, he's just a bird. We humans would never allow ourselves to fall into such a trap. Or would we?

A friend of mine was complaining about the explicit language that was coming into her home as she followed a highly publicized trial that was being televised live.

"It's disgusting," she said. "Why do they have to go into such graphic detail?"

The answer seemed obvious. "It's a rape trial," I said. "What did you expect?"

"I expected them to remember their viewing audience," she said. This is on all day long. If my kids had been home I would have had to send them to their rooms."

"Well," I wondered, "why didn't you just turn the TV off, or change the channel?"

"Are you kidding?" she replied. "This is news! I'm just trying to stay informed."

Oh, I see. Titillation in the name of news isn't just acceptable these days - it's good citizenship. At least, that's the attitude many people seem to be taking as TV news divisions and their viewers turn voyeurism into a national

pastime in the guise of the public's right to know. For example:

- Hearings on the nomination of a U. S. Supreme Court justice are unworthy of live coverage on the networks until charges of sexual harassment enter the picture and the testimony turns from the philosophical to the sensual;

- A popular athlete's revelation that he has contracted the AIDS virus fills the airwaves with breathless talk of "safe sex" and reports on the sexual exploits of athletes;

- A man with a famous name is on trial for rape and the media treats it like the Super Bowl of jurisprudence, complete with strategy briefings, expert analysis and armchair quarterbacking.

And don't forget the entertainment side of reality, with pseudo-news programs and tawdry game shows parting closed curtains and inviting curious gawkers to see and hear what they've never seen or heard before - whether or not it's any of their business.

In a way, television is like that eagle. It's an incredible medium, capable of soaring to wondrous heights. That's why it's so frustrating when it expends so much energy on turkey stuff like this. The sexual harassment allegations against the Supreme Court nominee should have been covered with the same cautious restraint afforded other charges made during the confirmation process. The athlete's AIDS-related retirement should have been a story to cover, not a bandwagon to jump upon. And the rape trial should have been treated as an other rape trial - prominent moniker notwithstanding.

Of course, television isn't solely responsible for its recent trend toward indiscretion. My experience with the medium (including six years as a newspaper television critic) leads me to believe that TV's decision-makers only give the public what they think it wishes to see. Unfortunately, they rarely underestimate the moral depths to which large numbers of televiewers are willing to sink.

Which makes us a little like that eagle, too. The more we devour the studied mindlessness and exploitation tele-

From Where I Sit

Before battered wives

by Frank Andrews

Wives and mothers have had their roles in life changed drastically in the last 50 or 60 years. Some of those changes are fine but others are very debatable. I do believe that many of the changes happened during WWII time, in the early '40s, when women and mothers had to leave their home and family life to help out with the war effort.

I can remember how some of my folks' friends lives were changed for the worse. Either the husband was in service or worked at a critical defense job. A little later, the wife and mother either joined up in the WACs, WAVES, or SPARS or, perhaps, worked side by side with men in the defense plants. Fraternization or loneliness led many of those men and women into extra-marital affairs. The resulting turmoil may have spawned the now popular term, "battered wives." It was okay for the old time "bread winner" to carry on at work - but, it was "taboo" for the other half, when she tried it. Many a "Rosie the riveter" showed up at work with a blackened eye or fat lip.

I still have some horrible memories etched in my mind from childhood. Wife abuse seemed to be a casual, common thing in the old days. My daddy would come home "soused to the gills" and take his frustrations out on dear old Mom. I mean "knock em' down, drag em' out" affairs. I didn't get any of that physical abuse, but the ordeal seemed to effect me nearly as much as Mom.

My uncle's wife, my aunt, was only about 5-feet tall while my uncle was well over six feet. I can remember waking one night while sleeping over at their apartment to seeing my uncle sitting on my aunt, beating the tar out of the little thing. This happened every time he was in town - fortunately for my aunt, he was a traveling salesman.

The "baddest" of them all involved my dad's former partner, Bill, the little fellow who had nearly killed Dad during a barroom brawl. In no time after splitting with Dad, Bill was back in the booze business. This time he manufactured the illegal stuff right in front of his cottage on the shores of beautiful Lake Minnetonka. He fermented the grain, usually corn, in a home made distillery right out in view of all. My dad would pick up the stuff in 5 gallon jugs from Bill and split it into gallon cans at our house.

Every time we went over to Bill's place for a pick up, his wife, Ada, would be sporting a black eye, broken nose or even a broken leg. We just guessed at how she received all those hurts. On our last trip to Bill's place, a note on the door said that Mrs. Bill had fallen down the stairs and was in Heaven. However, we all knew she had been abused by her husband for the last time. Bill was a hero of WWI and a member in good standing in the V.F.W., so with their help, he spent just a short time behind bars.

The battered wives of long ago would never call the authorities or press charges, so the abuse went on forever or until something terrible happened like in Bill's case. My folk's horrible married life went on for nearly 50 years during which my poor mother was continually "battered," but Mom endured.

vision feeds us, the less likely TV will be to invest the creative energy required to produce programs that help our minds expand and our souls soar. We have to demand excellence from television through our viewing habits, or else the quality options will disappear entirely, replaced with a steady diet of soap operas, leering talk shows and sensationalized perspectives on reality.

Think of it - Turkey Television. It's enough to make you cringe. Maybe it's even enough to make you reach for the "off" switch.

(Joseph Walker is a bishop in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.)

Setting priorities

by Robin Williams, Helix High School

This time of year the minds of adults and children alike turn to the sights and sounds of the holidays. While visions of sugarplums dance through the heads of some children, other children and their families are more concerned about where their next meal will come from and how they will keep warm in the cold winter months. The homeless problem in America has increased, while support for them has decreased.

President George Bush claims to be a president for all people, but has yet to help the homeless. One measure Republicans say has "helped" the homeless is the extension of unemployment benefits which Bush signed. However, this does not help those who are already out on the streets, sleeping at bus stops, on park benches and in shelters - many of which lack funding to open.

Last week, Secretary of State Jim Baker was in Russia discussing millions of dollars in aid for the Russian people. What happened to the concept of looking after our own people? While diplomatic relations are important, should U.S. citizens endure starvation? What are the president's priorities?

Even though money is scarce, it is still important to make an effort to help our own less fortunate citizens fulfill their dreams and end these lives of despair.

Space Theater presents Star Trek laser show

To coincide with the release of the latest Star Trek movie, "Star Trek VI," a new Laserium show entitled "Star Trek: the Astral Symphony" will be shown at the Reuben H. Fleet Space Theater. Beginning December 21, show times will be 6:00 p.m. daily throughout the holidays. Starting January 6, it will play at 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays only.

Featuring music and laser light images from the first five Star Trek films, this is not only a new and different type of laser production for the Space Theater, it also is the first non-theatrical presentation based on "Star Trek" that has been licensed by Paramount Pictures.

"Star Trek VI" composer Cliff Eidelman compiled 16 musical selections for the "Star Trek: The Astral Symphony" album/compact disc. The laser show features 11 of those choreographed in dazzling laser images. Selected voice-overs from the films are included as well as visuals of the primary "Star Trek" characters done by laser animation.

Performed by three composers, Jerry Goldsmith, James Horner and Leonard Rosenman, some of the selections featured include "Returning to Vulcan,"

Give a 'Gift of Hope' this year!

'Tis the season . . . and the first recording by Frank Sinatra in more than seven years will help make it a jolly one! "The Christmas Album, A Gift of Hope," produced by Children's Hospital of San Diego, includes the 75-year-old Sinatra's version of Silent Night, accompanied by his son, Frank Jr., playing piano. Daughter Nancy Sinatra also appears on the album, along with Reba McEntire, Barry Manilow, Willie Nelson, James Earl Jones, Magic Johnson, Bill Medley, George Jones, Kenny Loggins, Hank Williams Jr., Stryper, Lou Rawls, Dionne Warwick, Henry Mancini, a trio performance by 1950s-'60s teen idols Freddy Cannon, Johnny Tillotson and Brian Hyland . . . and more.

Grammy Award-winning producer Michael Lloyd said he wanted something different from the usual compilations of previously released material. "We wanted something that would be special to people and stand out from other collections, so 18 of the 24 songs are unique to this album. They were newly recorded, specifically for this."

According to Lloyd, Sinatra's performance is unbelievable. "His emotional output is so great on 'Silent Night' that hearing him sing it is like having a great motion picture unfold in front of you."

With more than 100 gold and platinum records to his credit, including the soundtrack from the film, Dirty Dancing, Lloyd is executive producer of the album for the second year in a row. He teamed up with songwriter Carol Connors to write the album's

"Chekov's Run," "The Enterprise" and "The Whaler."

During Laserium shows, a laserist creates laser images to complement the prerecorded sound track and projects them onto the Space Theater's giant dome screen. Two lasers (a three-watt krypton/argon laser and a five-watt argon laser) and several mirrors which vibrate up to 2,000 times per second are used to create visual effects.

Each performance is live, giving the laserist the ability to change images and effects to suit a particular audience's reaction. Because the Space Theater has such a rare acoustical arrangement, its sound system is often thought to be the best in San Diego.

Other Laserium shows at the Reuben H. Fleet Space Theater are "Led Zeppelin: In the Evening," and "The Doors." There is a 20 percent discount for double features.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and \$3.50 for juniors (ages 5-15). Children under the age of five are not permitted into the Laserium shows. Discount tickets are available for students and military personnel with proper identification.

For show times and information, call 238-1168.

title song, A Gift of Hope, performed by Lorna Luft.

Other family ties on the album include a mother and son team who have never recorded together before, Shirley Jones and Shaun Cassidy, singing Silver Bells.

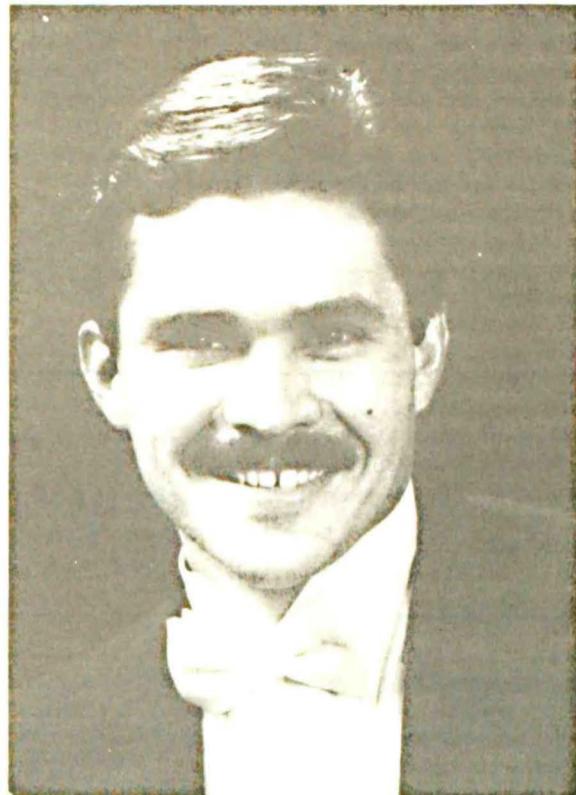
Stuart Turgel, executive director of San Diego's Children's Hospital Foundation, credits Lloyd with producing a creative, endearing album. "The wide variety of musical talent, made all the more special with Sinatra's contribution, will help make "The Christmas Album, A Gift of Hope" a treasured collector's item. It is a gift of love and hope that our children will benefit from not only just at Christmas, but throughout the years."

This is the third year a Christmas benefit album has been produced by the Children's Hospital Foundation and the second year that it is being offered to hospitals across the country that treat children. The project raised more than \$1 million for children's hospitals last year. "It's a good opportunity to give to the hospital in your area," Lloyd said. "And, you get a nice Christmas package, too."

"The Christmas Album, A Gift of Hope" sells for \$8.95 on cassette and \$12.95 on compact disc. It is available at Bullock's, Burger King, Long's Drugs, Nurseryland, 7-Eleven, Postal Annex+, Dean's Photo, Exclusive Opals and Diamonds, Contract Carpet and Union Bank branches.

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Sanchez to give free holiday concert at Theatre East



A free holiday concert for the community will be sung by Richard Sanchez, an operatic tenor trained at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. The Sanchez program will be presented at Theatre East on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 7:00 p.m. This will be Sanchez's second appearance at Theatre East.

During his undergraduate and graduate years at Eastman, Sanchez studied with renowned mezzo soprano Jan DeGaetani and with bass Thomas Paul, respectively.

In addition, he performed a "La Finta Giardiniera," Nerone in Monteverdi's "L'Incoronazione di Poppea" and Rodolfo in Puccini's beloved "La Boheme." His oratorio experience ranges from Bach's "Mass in B Minor" to "The Seasons" by Haydn, along with many other roles, including numerous performances of Orff's "Carmina Burana."

Sanchez is a two-year consecutive fellowship recipient of the Aspen Music Festival and performed the lead role of Tamino in Mozart's "The Magic Flute" at the 1991 Aspen Music Festival. Additionally, he completed a tour this year with Houston Grand Opera's Texas Opera Theatre. He is currently a resident artist with Opera of Omaha, where he will perform in an upcoming production of "Tosca."

Those with an interest in fine music are invited to hear Sanchez in concert at Theatre East, where his performance will be offered without charge.

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"We are a deadbeat, debtor nation and it's going to take a long time to change." This and much more was the opinion on the national economy expressed by financial writer Don Bauder in a special presentation to La Mesa officials and staff last week.

Bauder, who is financial editor of the San Diego Union and a resident of Mt. Helix looked sternly at the decade of the 1980s as the source of today's economic woes. Calling the so-called '80s boom "illusory" and "based on debt borrowed from the children of the '90s," Bauder expressed no surprise at today's results. "The chickens are coming home to roost," he said, "big, ugly chickens."

Bauder maintained that what appeared to be a broadly based "boom" in the 1980s was, in actuality, strong stock and real estate markets "masquerading as growth." Instead, he explained, banks, corporations and families were plunging deep into debt with bad loans, high-priced homes and credit spending. He described today's government debt as "wildly

escalating" while public confidence is at "horrible levels well below those of the 1980 recession." He added support to this by quoting a recent poll which indicated that 85 percent of all Californians believe that something is drastically wrong with the economy.

Bauder was pessimistic as to any quick way out of the economic problems. He noted that major corporations cannot service their own debt and are resorting to laying off more employees; consumers have too much debt and too little savings and the federal debt is so high that the government can't do anything significant. "We are economically like the emerging nations," added Bauder, "and if the federal government could step in, they'd probably do the wrong thing anyway."

Overall, Bauder predicted that national growth in the '90s would be at a rate of 2.3 percent or less, which would be lower than the growth rate of the 1930s.

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Walden graduates from NAU

Lemon Grove resident Glenda D. Walden graduated Dec. 13 from Northern Arizona University. Walden received the bachelor's of science degree in sociology during the University's 93rd commencement celebration.



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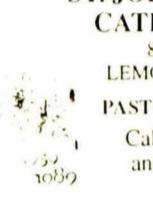
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Case Number: 155979

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of: MARJORIE C. KEZAR

A PETITION has been filed by UNION BANK in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO

THE PETITION requests that UNION BANK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval.

Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 1-8-92 at 4:20 p.m. in Dept. F-2, located at 1501-55 Sixth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
LeRoy W. Knutson
9001 Grossmont Blvd.
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Signature of Attorney for petitioner:
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December 12, 19 & 26, 1991

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BERTHA B. BRUNER

Case Number: 156078

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of: BERTHA B. BRUNER

A PETITION has been filed by

FRANCES B. STRAHAN in the Superior

Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO

THE PETITION requests that

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posed action.) The independent adminis-

tration authority will be granted unless an

interested person files an objection to

the petition and shows good cause why the court should not

grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be

held on JAN 6th 1992 at 1:45 p.m. in

Dept. F-5, located at 1501-55 Sixth

Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101-1946

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the

petition, you should appear at the hearing

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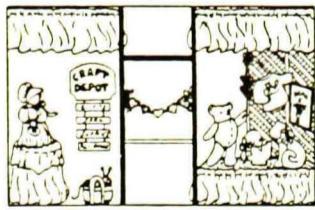
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